

CHANCE EXPLOSIVES ARE STORIED BURIED UNDER GROUND AT THE NIXON PLANT

COULD NOT USE OFFICE TO GET FEES, HE SAYS

Purpose of Negotiation Was to Hammer Oil Probe, Walsh Alleges

TELEGRAMS GIVEN OUT

Tells of Offer of Oil Magnate in Montana Case—Probe Is Pushed

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Surprises tumbled over one another again today when the committee resumed its public hearings. Senator Walsh, of Montana, the committee's chief prosecutor, presented correspondence showing that E. L. Doheny sought last December to interest him in an oil enterprise, and that he promptly refused to have anything to do with any venture that might make him appear in a wrong light in view of his official position.

William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation at the justice department, testified that E. B. McLean has been placed on the roll of secret agents of the department since after inauguration day in 1921; that he still retained that connection; and that the famous "Mary" message was sent to Florida in an effort to suggest that he should resign in order not to embarrass Attorney General Daugherty.

Francis H. McAdoo, son of William G. McAdoo, told the committee that McAdoo, Montana, chief prosecutor in the Doheny case, refused in December to enter into any oil transactions with E. L. Doheny.

"It might be squeamishness on my part," Senator Walsh told Doheny, but he could not appear to use his official position for profit.

Sensor Walsh said the purpose of the negotiation apparently was to hamper the work of the oil committee. Telegrams put into the hands of the committee today showed that after Walsh had forwarded to Doheny a suggestion from a constituent as to development of the Montana Oil field, Doheny suggested that Walsh or his brother go to Los Angeles and consult about it.

Doheny based his suggestion on a provision that the Montana Senator or his brother was willing to "take interest" in the proposition.

"While I am in the official position I hold," said Walsh's reply, "it seems to me unwise for me to engage in any business dependent in any appreciable degree on government favor."

The correspondence took place before Doheny revealed that he had loaned \$100,000 to E. B. Fall, but after the senate inquiry into the Sinclair and Doheny leases had begun.

In reading the messages into the record, Senator Walsh said efforts had been made to discover something that might be urged feloniously or otherwise against me.

"That end would be served," he said, "if it could be whispered about that there had been an exchange of telegrams between Doheny and myself."

Knights' Name Sent to Senate

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The nomination of Samuel Knight, of San Francisco, to be special government counsel in litigation to determine validity of titles held by the Standard Oil Company of California to certain oil lands in California was sent to the senate today by President Coolidge.

Methodist Conference  
ATLANTIC CITY, March 4.—Between six and seven hundred clergy and laymen of the Methodist church arrived in the resort today to attend the session of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference scheduled to open this evening at the central Methodist church. The conference will remain in session until next Tuesday.

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FRANCIS FOURATT  
Master Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 135, F. & A. M.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE COMMITTEE NAMED

Abraham Jelin of the State Highway Commission, in a telephone conversation with the Evening News today, gave the names of the advisory board whose duty it will be to design memorials for the new Perth Amboy-South Amboy bridge. These memorials will be in honor of the soldiers and sailors of the world war. The board is appointed under a resolution adopted by the Highway commission at the meeting held on February 28.

The names of the board follows: General Hugh L. Scott, chairman; William Olin Post, 101 Park avenue, New York City; James Bottelle, Newark; Shirley Morgan, Princeton; John Rowland, Jersey City; Allen B. Mills, Trenton; B. F. Davis, designer of the Wilmington memorial bridge, C. W. Hudson, 15 Park Row, New York City; Joseph Van Vleet, Montclair; W. G. Sloan, State Highway Commission engineer, Trenton; and J. Logan Cleveland, this city, secretary.

With one or two exceptions the board is composed of architects and artists. The new bridge which will cost more than \$3,500,000 will be the longest in the state and will form part of the highway used by North Jersey and New York state residents in reaching the resort town of the state who follow "Old Glory" on the battle fields of Europe.

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AIRMEN TALK AT LUNCHEON

Capt. Heinen and Lieut. Mayer Address Big Civic Club Meeting Today

More than 200 members of local and neighboring Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs gathered in the Raritan Yacht Club at noon today to hear Capt. Anton Heinen and Lieut. Rowland Mayer give interesting accounts of the activities of the U. S. Naval dirigible Shenandoah, both of these officers having been on board the airship the night of January 16 when it broke away from its mooring mast at Lakehurst. The luncheon was arranged by the local Kiwanis Club and the turn-out was beyond all expectations.

Following the usual singing and the award of the attendance prize, which was won by Penby W. Scott, Mayor Wilson welcomed the members of the various civic organizations and the guests of honor. He thanked the local Kiwanis, Rotarians and Lions for their work in civic affairs and urged them to support the Pulaski avenue crossing. August Staudt, president of the Lions Club, introduced the first speaker, Lieutenant Mayer, who told in an instructive and interesting manner the occurrences of the night on which the runaway airship had its unusual experiences.

Lieutenant Mayer said, "The dirigible was an experimental airship and the tests being carried on by the navy for the purpose of securing valuable information which will make it possible for individual corporations to make a commercial use of airships when the dirigible has been so perfected that it can go to any place in any kind of weather. He urged the support of all civic organizations of the navy's air program, declaring that the department needs such backing in this great undertaking.

Lieut. Mayer told his audience that Capt. Heinen was the test pilot on every one of the 150 dirigibles built in Germany since 1907 and was recognized as the possible pilot of the world.

On the night of January 16, Lieut. Mayer said, the storm grew so severe early in the night an inspection of the condition of the airship, which was moored to the mast, was ordered. It was decided to leave the mooring mast, he said, as it would be safer in the air. The speaker said he was just finishing his inspection when he heard a crackling which told him a girder had collapsed. This was closely followed by what sounded like a terrific explosion.

Lieutenant Mayer said he found, with the use of a spotlight, that the whole upper fin at the tail of the dirigible had blown through and the airship was slanting at an angle of sixty degrees. He said he could not understand this condition as the dirigible was not supposed to be underground if it was attached to the mast at this position. Locating Captain Heinen, he said, he told the pilot they should cast off. Captain Heinen only laughed, he said, after (Continued on page 2.)

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ASK CROSSING IN NORTHERN END OF CITY

Mayor Wilson Recommends Extension of Pulaski Avenue Under Central Tracks

LETTER TO ALDERMEN

Say If Proper Ordinance Was Passed, State Action Is Not Necessary

The residents in the northern part of the city, west of the Central railroad tracks, have been making requests to the mayor and Board of Aldermen for some time to provide a crossing of some kind over or under the railroad tracks at Pulaski avenue as there is at present no crossing north of Hall avenue.

Mayor Wilson last night recommended the extension of Pulaski avenue under the Central railroad tracks in a letter to the board which read as follows:

"At this writing I would like to refer to the matter of extending Pulaski avenue underneath the Central railroad tracks. There is no crossing north of Hall avenue which is in the center of the city. If the proper ordinance is passed at once to cover this improvement, I feel that it will not be necessary to appear before the Public Utility Commission for aid in the matter.

A petition containing more than 200 signatures was received by the aldermen last night, the signers living on Elizabeth, Charles and Cortland streets, and requesting that an approach be made to connect Park avenue or Division street with any of these three streets.

Following receipt of this petition and the mayor's communication the aldermen adopted a resolution providing that "the matter of a crossing for the relief of the people in the Lehigh Park and Alpine sections west of the Central railroad and also for the people in Hall avenue, Catherine, Charles, Cortland and Elizabeth streets, and Division street and Park avenue sections be referred to the committee on streets and sewers and the city engineer for the purpose of making a survey of conditions for presentation to the proper railroad authorities and the Board of Public Utility Commissioners."

Mayor Wilson, in a letter to the board promoted Detectives Murray and Muska to lieutenants, pointing out that these promotions will save the city a total of \$166,000 in added expense to the city. A motion that this matter be referred to the police committee was opposed by Alderman John Soffel who declared such promotions came from the power of the mayor and his action should be confirmed. There was no argument but Alderman-at-Large Galvin called for a vote on the original motion that it be referred to the police committee and Alderman Soffel alone voted against the motion. Alderman John J. Clark was absent from the meeting owing to a funeral in the family yesterday.

The action of City Treasurer Frank Dorsey in selling \$20,000 water bonds to Outwater and Wells, the highest bidder, for \$20,408.20 was confirmed by the board. Other bids were: Herbert C. Heller & Co., \$20,152.50; R. M. Grant & Co., \$20,142.50; and Perth Amboy Trust Company, \$20,053.37.

The cost of snow removal from State and Smith streets from February 20 to 25 was \$2,474.40, according to the street commissioner's report and the collector was instructed to collect one-third of this amount, \$824.80 from the Public Service Railway Company. The 1924 tax ordinance was passed on second and third readings.

A letter from Assistant Prosecutor John E. Toolan, representing Vendel Hoffman requested the board to make a full assessment for the damage to Hoffman's property caused by the change in grade and relocation of Amboy avenue. This was referred to the street committee.

The aldermen-at-large who will consider a petition from the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company asking permission to have a ticket booth placed on the south side of Smith street between High street and the ferry.

A communication from the Board of Health relative to the condition of the junk yard of Herman Ellis in Second street recommended that no license be granted until the place is fenced in and cleaned up. This was referred to the judiciary committee.

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SHIPPING BOARD PROBE ORDERED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A subcommittee investigation of the shipping board was authorized today by the house.

After brief debate a resolution was adopted providing for appointment of a special committee to conduct the inquiry.

Four Republicans and three Democrats, to be designated by Speaker Gillett, will serve on the committee. The inquiry was proposed by Representative Davis of Tennessee, a Democrat on the Merchant Marine Committee.

PLAN SACRED CONCERT

The choir of St. James M. E. Zion church (colored) will hold a sacred concert at the Simpson M. E. church on Thursday night, April 5, to raise funds for building a church, an admission of thirty-five cents will be charged.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR LABOR DEPT. PROBE

A concurrent resolution directing the Commissioner of Labor to investigate and determine the cause of the explosion at Nixon, New Jersey, on Saturday, March 1, 1924, and further to investigate the manner in which explosives are stored and handled in the state of New Jersey.

Whereas, a disastrous explosion occurred at Nixon, New Jersey, on Saturday last, resulting in an appalling loss of life and the destruction of property; and

Whereas, the commissioner of labor of the state of New Jersey, by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An act relating to the manufacture, keeping, storage, transportation and sale of explosives and providing penalties for all violations of this act," approved March 29, 1917, is vested with ample power with respect to the licensing and supervision of dealers in explosives; and

Whereas, a speedy investigation should be instituted for a determination of the responsibility for the Nixon explosion, and stored in the state of New Jersey; the explosion at Nixon, and further to ascertain the manner in which explosives are stored and handled in the state of New Jersey.

Be it Resolved by the senate (the House of assembly concurring): That the commissioner of labor of the state of New Jersey pursuant to the power and authority in him vested is hereby directed forthwith to institute an investigation for the purpose of fixing the responsibility for the explosion at Nixon, and further to ascertain the manner in which explosives generally are stored and handled in the state of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Edge Urges Probe Of Blast By War Dept.

By GEORGE H. MANNING  
(Washington Correspondent of the Perth Amboy Evening News)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It is incumbent upon the War Department to immediately make an investigation to determine the relationship of the government to the explosion at Nixon, New Jersey, last Saturday, Senator Walter E. Edge said in a letter today to Secretary Weeks. He also asks to be informed what amount of money the government obtains through the extracting of ammonite from explosives at Nixon. Senator Edge's letter reads as follows:

"It is suggested that the possible cause for the overwhelming catastrophe due to the explosion at Nixon may have been the failure of the federal government to provide for adequate devitalization of the ammonite after it was extracted from the high explosives, or possible carelessness in separating the explosives before delivering to the Nixon plant."

"If of course have no knowledge whatever in the premises but as frequent explosions in this section of New Jersey have caused deplorable loss of life and tremendous damage to property, and inasmuch as I understand local investigations of the cause for this latest explosion are underway, I feel it is incumbent that you should immediately institute an investigation as to the relationship of the federal government to this most recent catastrophe."

"While this investigation is underway, I would also appreciate information as to the approximate amount of money the government obtains through this extracting process attended with so much risk and danger to life and property."

EARTH SHOCKS CAUSE DAMAGE IN COSTA RICA

NEW YORK, March 4.—Earth shocks shook Port Limon and San Jose, Costa Rica, early today, said a message received here by the All America Cables. The first quake occurred at about 5 A. M. and was followed by others. The tremors were continuing at 8 o'clock. Many buildings in San Jose were damaged.

Severe, Says Washington  
WASHINGTON, March 4.—A "very severe earthquake, about 2-100 miles from Washington in a southerly direction, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. Father Tondorf, the seismologist, said the shocks began at 5:13 a. m., reached maximum intensity between 5:23 and 5:25 and were still in progress at 7 o'clock.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 4 (By The Associated Press).—A series of earthquakes, the strongest felt here in twenty-five years, beginning at four o'clock this morning, damaged fully half the buildings of San Jose and caused a number of casualties.

A part of the American legation building collapsed, but the American minister and his family and the American consul and his family, escaped uninjured.

No injuries to any American residents were reported. The American communication with neighboring cities is entirely cut off.

San Jose, capital of the Republic of Costa Rica, has been visited a number of times by serious earthquakes, and eight early tremors are frequent. In 1879 the cathedral was destroyed by earthquake, and again in 1888 much damage was caused by an earth shock.

COOLIDGE IS UNCHANGED ON TAXATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Adherence to the principles and provisions of the Mellon Tax plan was reaffirmed today by President Coolidge.

Mr. Coolidge's position relative to tax legislation remains exactly as outlined in his message to congress, declaring for the Mellon plan. This was made clear at the White House in answer to inquiries about the compromise bill passed by the House.

A direct inquiry as to whether the President would approve the compromise bill brought reply that he could not say at this time whether he would veto or approve a hypothetical measure.

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RARITAN TOWNSHIP DEMANDS REMOVAL OF RARITAN ARSENAL

A resolution stating that they "have proof that approximately 3200 cases each containing 187 pounds or a total of 598,400 pounds of gun cotton or other high explosives are buried under the ground on the Nixon property and also a vast amount of picric acid," was adopted by the township committee of Raritan at a meeting last night, according to their announcement today.

At the same time the committee announced that it had sent telegrams to President Coolidge and to Governor Silzer appealing for the elimination of Raritan Arsenal from within their boundaries, and soliciting their earnest endeavors to prevent a recurrence of the dreadful disaster of March 1st. Appeals to remove the arsenal and the Nixon works were also made to United States senators, congressmen, state legislators and county freeholders.

LEGISLATURE APPROVES LARSON'S RESOLUTION

TRENTON, March 4.—As a result of the explosion last Saturday of a large quantity of TNT stored at the Nixon Nitration Works at Nixon, which cost the lives of eighteen persons and injuries to a great many more, in addition to the destruction of considerable property, Senator Morgan F. Larson, of Middlesex, introduced a resolution in the senate last night providing for an investigation by the Department of Labor into the causes of the explosion, as well as a probe into the general subject of the manner of storing of explosives in New Jersey.

The resolution was passed by the senate and the House.

The township committee's resolution said that it had made investigations which gave them the information showing the existence of the explosives. The resolution stressed the menace which in the event of an explosion might affect the Raritan Arsenal and said that have might be wrought as far reaching as Perth Amboy, Staten Island, New York, Newark, and Trenton, and life and property destroyed within that radius.

The resolution went on to say that the committee is pledged to protect life and property and protests against the storing and manufacturing of explosives in their municipality.

The resolution was signed by Wittebert, chairman; Peter Koudson, Arthur W. Latham, Charles E. End and George Rush. The telegrams to President Coolidge and Governor Silzer were signed "Township Committee of Raritan."

The Scotchman borough council also announced today a resolution it has adopted proposing "to take such action as seems necessary to protect lives and property and to prevent the Nixon Nitration Company, its successors, lessees or assigns, from continuing any business which is likely to result in a recurrence of the disaster of March first." A copy has been sent to Secretary of War Weeks at Washington.

Major Casad of Raritan Arsenal today appointed a board of inquiry to ascertain the amount of damage to the arsenal in Saturday's explosion, when five magazines were destroyed and fifteen damaged.

The Board of Inquiry named by Major Casad to fix the responsibility for the damage to the government property at Raritan Arsenal consists of Major A. S. Buyers, Capt. J. A. Wheeler and Lieut. J. L. Aman.

The board of inquiry will be conducting by the prosecutor's office this morning shifted to Trenton where Assistant Prosecutor John E. Toolan went for the purpose of conferring with officials of the State Department of Labor. Mr. Toolan is expected back this afternoon to continue his probe which will consist of the questioning of Raritan Arsenal employees.

Lewis Nixon, former Public Service Commissioner in New York and President of the Nixon Nitration Works; R. Norris Shreve, president of the Ammonite Company; Charles S. Blood, night superintendent at the Nixon Plant; Franklin C. Wilson, chemist and several explosive experts were among those examined yesterday by the prosecutor's office.

The chemical experts have again been called for today's session. Assistant Prosecutor Toolan is preparing to present the case to the Middlesex county grand jury when it meets here in special session next week. Indictments will be sought if there is any evidence of negligence revealed during the probe.

Guards have been placed about the ruins of the Nixon plant upon orders of Mr. Toolan. Photographs have been made for the prosecutor's office of the explosion ruins and L. P. Booz, Jr., Perth Amboy's city engineer, is making a survey of the plant to be used in case the matter is brought before the grand jury in order to determine whether there was any criminal negligence involved.

Chief of County Detectives Ferd A. David and Coroner Hubbard went to the plant this morning to go (Continued on Page 2)

LABOR HEAD TO VISIT NIXON'S

McBride Will Come to County Thursday for Personal Probe

TRENTON, March 4.—Following a conference with Governor Silzer today Dr. Andrew S. McBride, state commissioner of labor, announced that he and other attaches of the labor department would on Thursday morning make a personal visit to the scene of the Saturday's Nixon explosion in which eighteen persons were killed and many injured.

During the conference with Dr. McBride, Governor Silzer said that he wanted to be advised as to whether the present explosive laws are as drastic as they could be.

McBride, in his capacity as the Department of Labor in the New Brunswick district, made a preliminary report to Dr. McBride today on the explosion. But the commissioner of labor declares he is anxious to lift the matter to the very bottom so he has assigned the following to the investigation: Charles H. Weeks, in charge of structures for the Department of Labor, John Roach, in charge of ventilation and sanitation for the department; and Dr. Martin Szamatolski, consulting chemist of the department.

Case Is Settled  
NEW BRUNSWICK, March 4.—A settlement in the case of Joseph Reder against Dr. Morris S. Coble, both of Perth Amboy, has been reached before the action was tried in the circuit today as originally scheduled. The consideration has not been made public. The complainant sued the physician for damages as the result of the death of his wife, who charged that the doctor was negligent.

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